

CLAIMS

What is claimed is

- 1 1. A computerized method for generating a digital image geographical special interest guide comprising:
 - 3 processing digital images to associate the digital images with a category on a displayed geographical map; and
 - 5 providing a digital image geographical special interest guide for the category containing the associated digital images.

- 1 2. The computerized method of claim 1, wherein providing a digital image geographical special interest guide comprises:
 - 3 allowing selection of a category on the displayed geographical map;
 - 4 retrieving digital images associated with the selected category; and
 - 5 generating a digital image geographical special interest guide using the retrieved digital images.

- 1 3. The computerized method of claim 1, wherein the category is chosen from a group consisting of a geographical locations on a map, landmarks, restaurants, hotels, theatres, nightlife, resorts, shopping malls, bars, entertainment, and scenic spots.

- 1 4. The computerized method of claim 1, further comprising receiving digital images from an electronic device, the electronic device being chosen from a group consisting of a stand alone computer, a networked system, and an online service.

1 5. The computerized method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 generating a web page containing data that displays information
3 chosen from the group consisting of digital image geographical special interest guide
4 data, advertisements, banners, text, graphics, and hotlinks.

1 6. The computerized method of claim 1, further comprising storing the processed
2 digital images.

1 7. The computerized method of claim 1, wherein provider the digital image
2 geographical special interest guide comprises:
3 associating the processed digital images with hotlinks; and
4 enabling access of the digital images through the hotlinks.

1 8. The computerized method of claim 1, wherein providing the digital image
2 geographical special interest guide comprises:
3 enabling access to the digital image geographical special interest guide
4 upon payment of a fee.

1 9. The computerized method of claim 1, further comprising compensating a user
2 for submitting digital images to the digital image geographical special interest guide.

1 10. The computerized method of claim 1, further comprising receiving
2 compensation for banner and advertisements posted on the digital image geographical
3 special interest guide.

1 11. The computerized method of claim 1, wherein processing the digital images
2 comprises:

3 requesting digital images for a particular category on the digital image
4 geographical special interest guide;
5 receiving the requested digital images corresponding to the particular
6 category; and
7 associating the received digital images with the particular category.

1 12. The computerized method of claim 11, wherein requesting being performed
2 by a server by posting data on an Internet web page indicating users to submit digital
3 images corresponding to a category.

1 13. The computerized method of claim 11, wherein requesting being performed
2 by a server by maintaining a list of prior users and sending email messages to the
3 prior users indicating users to submit digital images corresponding to a category.

1 14. The computerized method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 associating the processed digital images with a location on the
3 geographical map corresponding to the category; and
4 altering the geographical map to represent digital images taken at
5 particular locations of the geographical map.

1 15. The computerized method of claim 14, wherein associating further
2 comprising:
3 allowing a user to submit digital images to the digital image
4 geographical special interest guide; and

5 associating the submitted digital images with a particular location on
6 the geographical map.

1 16. The computerized method of claim 14, wherein associating further
2 comprising:

3 allowing a user to submit digital images to the digital image
4 geographical special interest guide; and

5 associating the submitted digital images with a particular category of
6 the digital image geographical special interest guide.

1 17. The computerized method of claim 14, wherein associating further comprises
2 allowing users to display digital images corresponding to the particular category on
3 the geographical map.

1 18. The computerized method of claim 14, wherein associating further comprises
2 allowing users to display digital images corresponding to a geographical location on
3 the geographical map.

1 19. A computerized system comprising:

2 a processor;

3 a memory coupled to the processor through a system bus;

4 a computer-readable medium coupled to the processor through the
5 system bus; and

6 a digital image geographical special interest guide module executed
7 from the computer-readable medium by the processor to cause the processor to
8 process digital images to associate the digital images with a category on a displayed

9 geographical map, and provide a digital image geographical special interest guide for
10 the category containing the associated digital images.

1 20. The computerized system of claim 19, wherein the digital image geographical
2 special interest guide module causes the processor to allow selection of a category on
3 the displayed geographical map, retrieve digital images associated with the selected
4 category, and generate a digital image geographical special interest guide using the
5 retrieved digital images.

1 21. The computerized system of claim 19, wherein the category is chosen from a
2 group consisting of a geographical locations on a map, landmarks, restaurants, hotels,
3 theatres, nightlife, resorts, shopping malls, bars, entertainment, and scenic spots.

1 22. The computerized system of claim 19, wherein digital image geographical
2 special interest guide module causes the processor to receive digital images from an
3 electronic device, the electronic device being chosen from a group consisting of a
4 stand alone computer, a networked system, and an online service.

1 23. The computerized system of claim 19, wherein digital image geographical
2 special interest guide module causes the processor to generate a web page containing
3 data that displays information chosen from the group consisting of digital image
4 geographical special interest guide data, advertisements, banners, text, graphics, and
5 hotlinks.

1 24. The computerized system of claim 19, wherein the digital image geographical
2 special interest guide module causes the processor to store the processed digital
3 images.

1 25. The computerized system of claim 19, wherein the digital image geographical
2 special interest guide module causes the processor to associate the processed digital
3 images with hotlinks, and enable access of the digital images through the hotlinks.

1 26. The computerized system of claim 20, wherein the digital image geographical
2 special interest guide module causes the processor to enable access to the digital
3 image geographical special interest guide upon payment of a fee.

1 27. The computerized system of claim 20, wherein the digital image geographical
2 special interest guide module causes the processor to compensate a user for
3 submitting digital images to the digital image geographical special interest guide.

1 28. The computerized system of claim 20, wherein the digital image geographical
2 special interest guide module causes the processor to receive compensation for
3 banner and advertisements posted on the digital image geographical special interest
4 guide.

1 29. The computerized system of claim 20, wherein the digital image geographical
2 special interest guide module causes the processor to request digital images for a
3 particular category on the digital image geographical special interest guide, receive

- 4 the requested digital images corresponding to the particular category, and associate
- 5 the received digital images with the particular category.

1 30. The computerized system of claim 29, wherein the digital image geographical
2 special interest guide module causes the processor to request by posting data on an
3 Internet web page indicating users to submit digital images corresponding to a
4 category.

1 31. The computerized system of claim 29, wherein the digital image geographical
2 special interest guide module causes the processor to request by maintaining a list of
3 prior users and sending email messages to the prior users indicating users to submit
4 digital images corresponding to a category.

1 32. The computerized system of claim 20, wherein the digital image geographical
2 special interest guide module causes the processor to associate the processed digital
3 images with a location on the geographical map corresponding to the category, and
4 alter the geographical map to represent digital images taken at particular locations of
5 the geographical map.

1 33. The computerized system of claim 32, wherein the digital image geographical
2 special interest guide module causes the processor to allow a user to submit digital
3 images to the digital image geographical special interest guide, and associate the
4 submitted digital images with a particular location on the geographical map.

1 34. The computerized system of claim 32, wherein the digital image geographical
2 special interest guide module causes the processor to allow a user to submit digital
3 images to the digital image geographical special interest guide, and associate the
4 submitted digital images with a particular category of the digital image geographical
5 special interest guide.

1 35. The computerized system of claim 32, wherein the digital image geographical
2 special interest guide module causes the processor to allow users to display digital
3 images corresponding to the particular category on the geographical map.

1 36. The computerized system of claim 32, wherein the digital image geographical
2 special interest guide module causes the processor to allow users to display digital
3 images corresponding to a geographical location on the geographical map.

1 37. A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions to
2 cause a server computer to perform a method comprising:
3 processing digital images to associate the digital images with a
4 category on a displayed geographical map; and
5 providing a digital image geographical special interest guide for the
6 category containing the associated digital images.

1 38. The computer-readable medium of claim 37, wherein providing a digital
2 image geographical special interest guide further comprises:
3 allowing selection of a category on the displayed geographical map;
4 retrieving digital images associated with the selected category; and

5 generating a digital image geographical special interest guide using the
6 retrieved digital images.

1 39. The computer-readable medium of claim 37, wherein the category is chosen
2 from a group consisting of a geographical locations on a map, landmarks, restaurants,
3 hotels, theatres, nightlife, resorts, shopping malls, bars, entertainment, and scenic
4 spots.